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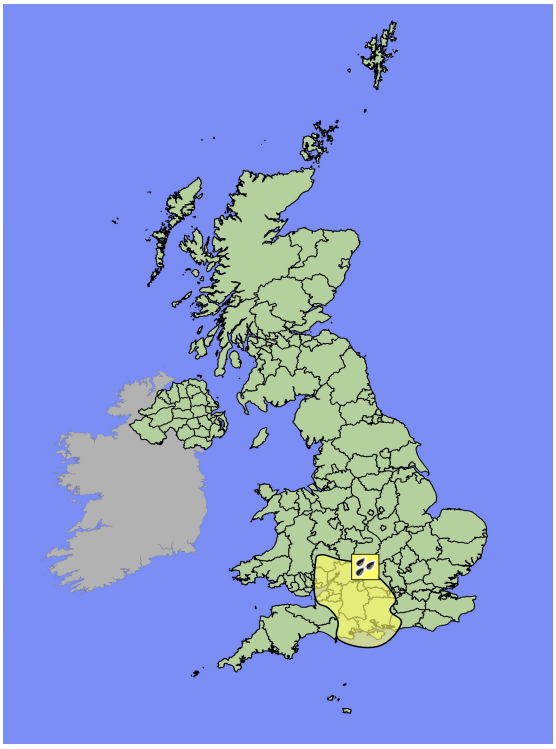

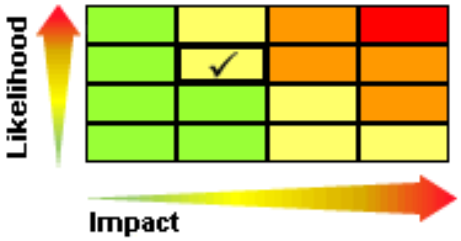

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A vigorous area of low pressure will drift slowly east southeast across south Wales and southern England on Wednesday. This will bring bands of heavy showers, some of which will be slow-moving and persistent to parts of England and Wales, but more especially the south. As is usual in such situations rainfall amounts will vary considerably from place to place with some areas missing the worst of the rain. Strong and gusty winds are likely at times, more especially in southern coastal counties.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Rain**

Valid from **03:00 on Wed, 18th Apr 2012** until **21:00 on Wed, 18th Apr 2012**

Bands of heavy showers will affect parts of southern England, the southwest Midlands and southeast Wales on Wednesday from the early hours onwards. During Wednesday afternoon in particular some heavy slow-moving downpours are likely, accompanied locally by hail and thunder. The public should be aware that localised surface water flooding may occur, leading to difficult driving conditions. In addition, road conditions could be temporarily slippery in any heavy hail showers. The showers should gradually ease on Wednesday evening.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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  - Wokingham
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  - Bath and North East Somerset
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  - Bristol
  - Dorset
  - Gloucestershire
  - North Somerset
  - Poole
  - Somerset
  - South Gloucestershire
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